

October 14, 2010, 5:15 P.M.

Newport Water Treatment Advisory Task Force Minutes

The Water Treatment Advisory Task Force for the City of Newport met on the above date in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall.

Members Present:

Deborah Trusty, Dick Beemer, Jim Fuller, Paul Amundson, Reuben Johnson, Steve Salisbury. (Fuller and Salisbury had to leave the meeting early).

Staff Present:

Jim Voetberg, City Manager; Lee Ritzman, Public Work Director; David Marshall, Finance Director; Greg Shaecher, Asst. City Engineer; Steve Stewart, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor; Penelope McCarthy, City Attorney.

City Council:

Lon Brusselback, Patricia Patrick-Jolling, Mark McConnell.

Consulting Engineers HDR Inc.:

Verena Winter and Brian Black (via telephone).

Contractor:

Bob Montgomery and Erik Brahmer, Slayden Construction.

Meeting called to order at 5:15 P.M.

Presentation by HDR staff Verena Winter and Brian Black detailing the cost issues regarding construction of the new Water Treatment Plant. Winter presented a cost review and history of planning and options that had been presented at earlier meetings. Winter and Black reviewed the master plan layout, treatment processes, piping plan, etc. Master plan estimates were generally significantly lower than the construction costs estimated by HDR. Total difference was \$3.89 million. This was because of major scope changes, including re-use of existing building (not possible), land quality issues, and water quality being less than hoped for, requiring more treatment.

Winter distributed a hand-out detailing budget items that could possibly be cut out, along with recommendations.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Following the presentation, funding options and opportunities were discussed. As there was not a quorum of the task force present, a consensus was reached that the Agate Beach water tank and pipeline would be phased in at a later date while staff explored additional funding options.

Meeting adjourned at 7 PM. without a planned meeting date for future.